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News worth sharing



Zinck still in office amid allegations

• Dartmouth North office 'is and will always be open,' says Zinck Canadian Taxpayers Federation's Kevin Lacey 'strongly' believes he should step down



calling for Trevor Zinck's resignation may be presuming guilt before it's proven.

Dr. Tom Urbaniak, who teaches political science at Cape Breton University, said yesterday because the independent Dartmouth North MLA doesn't have execu-

tive responsibilities, he may not be put under the same pressure to step down as a cabinet minister or premier. "We have to, while this is before the

courts, we have to accept the doctrine of innocent until proven guilty," Urbaniak

"He doesn't have executive responsibili-ties, and usually, in those circumstances, a sitting politician continues ... until the case has been disposed of."

Zinck, along with former MLAs Richard Hurlburt, David Wilson and Russell MacKinnon, faces numerous charges in relation to an RCMP probe into their expenses.

Zinck is charged with breach of public trust, fraud over \$5,000 and theft over

Urbaniak did note Zinck's statement to the media Monday afternoon wasn't typi-

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"The office respects the findings of the RCMP which are not yet proven before the courts of law. Until that is done. the office has decided to make no further comment..." OFFICE OF TREVOR ZINCK



cal of politicians facing such allegations, noting he did not deny the charges.

"Often, you do have sitting politicians facing charges (issue) media releases ... (insisting) they will be defending themselves

vigorously against the charges," he said. Canadian Taxpayers Federation Atlantic director Kevin Lacey said Zinck should step down. "I think he deserves his day in court, and shouldn't be presumed guilty," said Lacey. "But I think the people of Dartmouth North deserve a representative, and I don't see how he can represent the public while this is going on." MORE COVERAGE, PAGE 3



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Auditor general to probe others only if tips come forward, he says

Nova Scotia's auditor general says while it's an issue that weighs on his mind, he can't see launching a wider probe of politicians spending unless he gets some indication of potential wrongdoing first.

Jacques Lapointe said yesterday a forensic audit that resulted in 52 charges laid against three former and one current member of the provincial legislature only occurred when information was given to his office to follow up. The charges laid Monday

The charges laid Monday by the RCMP included fraud, theft over \$5,000, and breach of trust by a public officer.

"I need to have something to indicate that other work needs to be done," Lapointe said in an interview. "If anyone has any information ... they should bring it to me and if they did I'd go back"

Lapointe's initial audit of politicians spending was released last February and covered the period between July 2006 and June 2009.

The report ignited public

outrage in revealing that thousands of dollars had been spent on a range of items from home-installed generators to big screen

Soon after Lapointe followed up with the forensic audit and turned over files on specific transactions in May that prompted the

tion of five former members and one current member of the legislature.

Those facing charges are former Conservative Richard Hurlburt and former Liberals Dave Wilson and Russell MacKinnon, along with Independent member Trevor Zinck, who was elected as a New Democrat. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Fraud over \$5,000 could yield 14 years

▶ But spokeswoman warns 'anything can happen' ▶ All of the accused are scheduled to appear in court April 20



Nova Scotia's Public Prosecution Service will spend the next two months poring over thousands of pages of RCMP evidence on four MLAs charged in relation to the MLA expense scandal.

Public Prosecution spokeswoman Chris Hansen said yesterday it's "completely inappropriate" to talk about possible sentencing — considering Richard Hurlburt, Trevor Zinck, Russell MacKinnon and David Wilson have yet to appear before the courts, let alone be found guilty.

"Before you talk about penalty, you have to go through a prosecution and there has to be a finding of guilt," Hansen said.

Nevertheless, the Criminal Code of Canada does

Under review

Public Prosecution spokeswoman Chris Hansen said one or two of Nova Scotia's Special Prosecution Section members will be tapped to review the evidence collected by the RCMP.

provide maximum sentences for the offences.

For fraud over \$5,000, which all four face, the maximum sentence is 14 years in prison. For breaching public trust, the highest penalty is five years.

For uttering a forged document, which Hurlburt, MacKinnon and Wilson are each charged with to varying degrees, the penalty is up to 10 years in prison.

Zinck is also facing two

Zinck is also facing two counts of theft over \$5,000, which carries a maximum penalty of 10 years.



Former Yarmouth MLA Richard Hurlburt answers questions from reporters with then-Tory leader Karen Casey in this file photo from last year.

Preliminary hearing set for man charged with killing sex worker

A preliminary hearing is scheduled to begin this fall for the man charged in the killing of Halifax's Nadine Taylor.

Steven Elliot Laffin will have a preliminary hearing beginning on Oct. 31, it was determined yesterday at Dartmouth provincial court.

Laffin is charged with the second-degree murder

of Taylor, a 29-year-old sex worker from Halifax who was reported missing July 31. Police said they believe she is dead, though her body has not been found.

Laffin, who is remanded to the Central Nova Correctional Facility, also has a preliminary hearing on June 28 for a separate case. • METRO



News in brief

Stanfield no longer on top

After seven years on top of the world, Halifax Stanfield International Airport placed second in 2010.

Halifax is the defending champion in the Airport Service Quality ratings for best in the world for airports serving less than five million passengers.

But this time Ottawa took the top spot.

"We have had the pleasure of receiving the top rating in our class for seven consecutive years, more times than any other airport in the world," said Tom Ruth, the airport authority's president and CEO, in a release.

The survey measures 34 elements of the passenger experience and 154 airports participated in 2010

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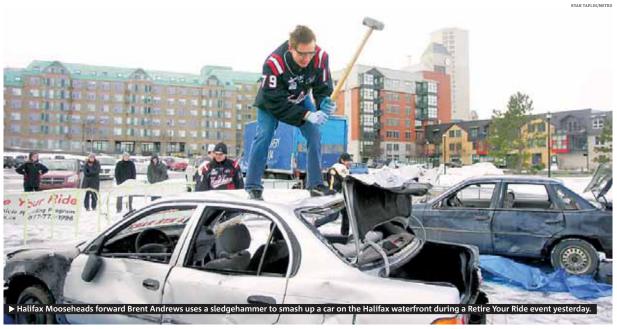
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Last chance to get clunkers off roads

▶ Local hockey players smash cars to raise awareness for Retire Your Ride ▶ In Nova Scotia, 2,200 cars have been retired under program Number skyrockets to 125,000 nationally



The Halifax Mooseheads can't seem to catch a break

the ice, they've On dropped five straight

Off the ice, the losing ways continued yesterday as four Mooseheads players were unable to beat two members of the Dalhousie Tigers men's hockey team in a battle of which club could do the most damage to two readyfor-the-scrap-heap clunk-

ers.
"I think they have the old-man strength," Mooseheads captain Travis Ransaid his competition.

"Any anger that I ever had inside is now gone," Tigers blue-liner Ben MacAskill, a former

"All the exam stress is gone." DALHOUSIE TIGERS PLAYER NICHOLAS CROFT AFTER VESTERDAY'S COMPETITION

Moosehead himself, after the 10 minutes of banging

In an effort by Clean Nova Scotia to promote its Retire Your Ride program, players from the two local teams came out to destroy a 1995 model and an older

vehicle on a vacant parking lot on Lower Water Street.

These cars are shown to produce 19 times more smog from the admissions than a 2004 or newer vehicle, according to the co-or-dinator of Retire Your Ride, Julia Pelton.

"We're trying to get them off the road and recycle them in a environmentally responsible way," she

The program began in January 2009 and will end on March 31. There is only a little over a month left for car owners who want to get involved.

Rewards are offered to participants.

"There are transit passcar-share memberships, bike rebates, a check for \$300 or up to \$3,000 off a new vehicle purchase," Pelton said.

Cabbie punched in dispute

A taxi driver was assaulted and hit his emergency button early vesterday morn-

Halifax RCMP say the cab stopped near 411 Caldwell Rd. to pick up two men around 2:30 a.m. The driver refused to take one of the men because he was holding a beer bottle and it sparked an argument.

Police say the man holding the bottle punched the driver in the face with his fist

The 42-year-old driver was treated by paramedics and released.

A dog was brought in to search for the suspects, but police believe they were picked up in another vehicle. • metro

Suspects

Both suspects were described as men 18 to 29 years old.

Buyer may lease girls' school

The Nova Scotia Education Department says it's looking at a way to keep students in the only allgirls public school in the Atlantic provinces.

The department says a potential buyer for Holy Angels High School in Sydney may also be willing to lease the building. Education Minister Ra-

mona Jennex says the department will work with the Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board to help negotiate such a lease with the unnamed buyer.

The Congregation of the Sisters of Notre Dame has been looking to sell the school and the government has been unwilling to buy it.

The school board is currently leasing the school from the sisters for \$40,000 a year, with the province paying for that. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Correction

SEX ASSAULT. In the Feb. 15 story Cole Harbour Man Charged With Sex Assault, Metro Halifax incorrectly cited the RCMP as saying the victim's age was 15. The RCMP only said the victim was under the age of 16. • metro

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News in brief

Teen charged in graffiti incident

ARREST. A 16-year-old Halifax male is facing a charge of property damage in the spraying of graffiti on a downtown business.

Halifax Regional Police say beat officers were on Grafton Street on Monday night when they noticed two teens acting suspiciously near a building sprayed with fresh

They found spray paint

on one of the teens and he was arrested.

He will appear in vouth court at a later date

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Man swarmed and robbed

CRIME. A man was robbed in a downtown Halifax swarming on Monday

The 24-year-old victim was walking along Cogswell Street near the Halifax Common at 11:30 p.m. when a group of five young men approached him

They told him to empty his pockets and when he didn't move fast

enough, the victim was struck from behind. He landed on the ground and was kicked.

He was robbed of cash, keys and a cellphone before the group ran off.

The suspects are described as four black men 20 to 25 years old, and one white boy about 17 years old. One of the men wore a red jacket with "EXCO" on the back.

Theresa Rath, spokeswoman for Halifax Regional Police, said investigators have vet to determine if this swarming is connected to the several swarming incidents that occurred around the Common last

JENNIFER TAPLIN

Economy gets a boost as people flock to Games

• Event expected to add tens of millions of dollars to local economy as businesses enjoy an influx of people



February is typically a slow time for downtown Halifax businesses, but this month is different with the Canada Winter Games in town.

"Downtown does seem to be the focal point," Downtown Halifax Business Commission executive director Paul MacKinnon said yesterday. "It's very exciting." The participants in the Games — from athletes to coaches and their families — have been filling the downtown core since arriving last week and MacKinnon isn't complaining. "The hotels are full or

"The hotels are full or near capacity and that typically doesn't happen in February," he said. "Overall



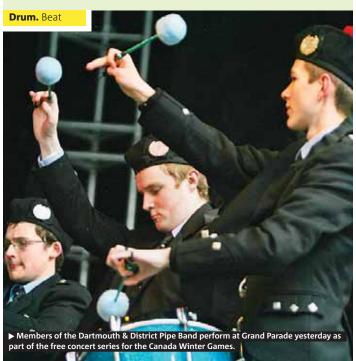
we're very pleased with the way things have gone so far." Katie Gillis, a sales associate at the Black Market Boutique on Grafton Street, said the increase in people around Halifax is translat-

thousands to the

ing into more sales.

"We're busier," she said over the weekend. "(There are) a lot more people around, people from around the country ... A lot more foot traffic, you can see people on the streets."

"Even for those businesses who don't get a real direct bump right now it's bringing people that maybe haven't thought about coming downtown," MacKinnon added. MacKinnon said he loves having events such as this, and hopes HRM can attract more, especially in the winter. "We seem to come together and do these things for special events," he said. "But we have to start getting the mindset of doing things on a more regular basis."



RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Free concert for the masses

Today's noon-hour concert features the Maritime Dance Academy and the Young Company of Halifax Dance. The evening concert features Hey Rosetta! with the Novaks.

Athlete moved out of ICU

Team Manitoba says a wheelchair basketball player who became seriously ill at the Canada Winter Games has been moved out of intensive care at a Halifax hospital.

Kyle Bunskoek, 16, of Stonewall was rushed to hospital on Saturday.

The nature of the injury hasn't been disclosed but the chief medical officer for the Games said Sunday it is not related to

"Kyle has never been to Halifax before and he's treated like gold. He's been treated like family by people he doesn't know."

WALLY BUNSKOEK, FATHER

sports and is non-contagious.

Officials initially de-

clined to identify the athlete and the sport he plays, but Team Manitoba said Monday night it now has the permission of Bunskoek's father.

Wally Bunskoek said in a release that he is overwhelmed and grateful to the doctors and nurses at the Halifax Infirmary, the Halifax Canada Games Host Society and Team Manitoba for the care his son has received. "You guys have all been phenomenal," Bunskoek said in a statement released by the team.

After a rescheduling of games to accommodate the needs of the Manitoba wheelchair basketball team, the team played two games in the absence of Bunskoek on Monday, losing 67-50 to P.E.I. before defeating Nova Scotia 66-37

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bedbugs not biting skiers' spirits

Bed bugs have done nothing to dampen the competitive spirits of the young freestyle skiers competing at the Canada Winter Games at Ski Wentworth.

"It's had no impact whatsoever," said Team Alberta manager Patrick Breault.

After Sunday's competition at Ski Wentworth the 85 freestyle skiers, coach-

es and managers from across Canada were moved from Tatamagoughe to Halifax after bedbugs were detected in an unused area of the Tim Hortons Children's Camp.

On Monday, the Halifax 2011 Canada Games host society found new accommodations for the freestyle athletes at the Holiday Inn in Truro.

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Don't let couch potato culture take root in kids

• Cut TV and computer use to two hours a day, new guidelines suggest • Greatest risk is chronic disease

New sedentary behaviour guidelines take aim at the couch potato culture of many Canadian young-sters by suggesting limits for sitting idle and spending time glued to TV, computer and game screens.

The Canadian Society

for Exercise Physiology's guidelines, unveiled yesterday, focus on minimizing behaviours that involve little physical movement and the low expenditure of energy.

The group recommends children and youth aged five to 17 limit recreational screen time — including watching TV, playing passive video games and using the computer — to no

Children and youth are advised to get at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity daily. Today, only seven per cent of youngsters are active enough to meet those targets.

more than two hours daily. The guidelines suggest youngsters scale back on time spent indoors and sitting for extended periods. They also recommend limiting use of sedentary transport, like travelling by bus or car.

Instead, kids ages five to 11 are encouraged to walk to school with a group of neighbourhood kids; for youth 12 to 17, it's recommended they walk or bike with friends. Instead of teens texting their friends, it's suggested they visit with them instead.

CSEP says kids are presently spending an average 8.6 hours a day — 62 per cent of their waking hours — being sedentary. Chronic disease risk is elevated if individuals are highly sedentary, so even an hour of recommended activity for kids isn't full protection if they're sedentary for the remainder of the day, the canadian press

Harper's secrecy hampers **MPs:** Page

Parliamentarians are losing their ability to assess cause of the Harper Conservatives' secrecy. says Canada's budget watchdog.

Kevin Page told a House of Commons committee yesterday secrecy has been on the rise, and MPs are losing their ability to do their constitutionally mandated jobs because they lack the information needed to cost new initiatives. Page noted that MPs were asked to approve new crime legislation without financial information or knowledge of monies set aside" for the changes.

And he offered tacit support for a Liberal motion seeking to hold the government in contempt for refusing to release projections on future corporate profits, saying that information has been released in the past. THE CANADIAN PRESS



BERLUSCONI SCANDAL

ITALIAN PM WILL FACE UNDERAGE SEX TRIAL



Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi has been ordered to stand trial for underage prostitution and extortion. The first hearing is scheduled for April 6 in Milan.

The court will consist of three female judges. Two people appear as victims in this trial: Morocdancer Karima

(Ruby) El Mahroug for the crime of underage prostitution; and the Italian Home Office for the crime of extortion. Berlusconi is accused of having paid for sex with Ruby while she was underage, and to have put pressure on police to release the girl when she was held on charges of theft. Major opposition groups have asked Berlusconi to immediately resign and accept to defend himself in court.

Political push for change grips Gulf states

Thousands of protesters poured into a main square in Bahrain's capital yesterday in an Egypt-style rebellion that sharply escalated pressure on authorities as the Arab push for change gripped the Gulf for the first time.

Security forces have battled demonstrators calling for political reforms and greater freedoms over two days, leading to the deaths of two protesters and the main opposition group

vowing to freeze its work in parliament in protest.

În a clear sign of concern over the widening crisis, Bahrain's King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa made a rare national TV address, offering condolences for the deaths, pledging an investigation into the killings and promising to push ahead with reforms, which include loosening state controls on the media and Internet.

As the crowds surged in-



to the Pearl Square in the capital of Manama, security forces appeared to hold back. Oppositions groups aren't calling for the ruling Sunni monarchy to be ousted, but they do want an end to its grip on key decisions and government posts. The dramatic move yesterday came just hours after a second protester died in clashes with police in the strategic island kingdom.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Call for reforms

Cairo, Egypt: The long-banned Muslim Brotherhood said yesterday it will form a political party once democracy is established in Egypt.

Tehran, Iran: Hardline Iranian lawmakers yesterday called on opposition leaders to face trial and be put to death, a day after clashes left two people dead.

Royal newlyweds to tour Canada in June

Prince William and Kate Middleton will be travelling to Canada this summer on their first official trip as a married couple.

An official from Canada said late yesterday the newlyweds will travel across the country from the end of June to mid-July.

The two will take part in Canada Day celebrations in Ottawa on July 1.

Their stay will also include a trip to the Arctic.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak about it publicly.

Media reports say Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Governor General David Johnston are expected to announce the royal visit today.

Harper invited the couple to Canada after they announced their engagement last November.

Canada is also issuing stamps in their honour.

The wedding is April 29. Prince Harry will be best man, and Kate Middleton's sister Pippa has been chosen to be maid of honour. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Underdog gets tongues wagging

Oscar, or Oscar De La Hoya as he's known on the circuit, came out swinging at Edmonton's Madison Square Garden ring.

He may have entered as underdog, but the Albertaborn pooch pranced off with the Westminster Kennel Club dog show's honours for #3 Toy Dog and #1 Pug.

"With 33 of the topranked pugs entered, we didn't even know if we would win the breed," said Leanna Mottus, who coowns Oscar with his



Calgary-based handler, Elyse Fernets.

It's not all work and no play for the pint-sized pooch, said Mottus, calling the canine "your typical goofball pug."

Oscar celebrated his coveted canine winnings with a juicy steak. He returns home to Cal-

gary tomorrow.

British PM lands job for tabby cat

Prime Minister David Cameron turned to a new recruit yesterday to help fend off his foes — an ally armed with whiskers, claws and sharp teeth.

Larry, a four-year-old tabby cat, arrived at his new home at 10 Downing Street, tasked with warding off a pack of rats seen scuttling close to the British leader's official resi-

The former stray, adopted from London's Bat-tersea Dogs and Cats Home, is the latest pet to be appointed Chief Mouser

to the Cabinet Office, an unofficial pest control

Television cameras had captured several sightings of rats around Downing Street — a common problem in London, where the trash on sidewalks provides a constant supply of

"I'm delighted to welcome Larry to his new home," Cameron said in a statement. "I'm sure he will be a great addition to Downing Street and will charm our many visitors." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Globalive not 'foreign': Ottawa

• If its managers and board are Canadian, wireless company is Canadian: Clement • Vows to appeal ruling

Ottawa will appeal a court ruling that found wireless provider Globalive - operator of the Wind Mobile cellphone service - doesn't ĥave enough Canadian ownership to operate in this country.

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"We are convinced that Globalive is a Canadian company and meets the Canadian ownership and control requirements under the Telecommunica-tions Act," Industry Minister Tony Clement said yesterday. "Globalive should therefore be able to continue to offer service in the wireless telecommunications market."



"We are convinced that Globalive meets Canadian ownership requirements."

TONY CLEMENT. INDUSTRY MINISTER

Clement said the government's motive is to defend consumer choice and boost competition. Ensuring Globalive's survival is part of that strategy.

A Federal Court ruling this month quashed Clement's 2009 decision to overrule a Canadian Radio-television Telecommunications Commission assessment that Globalive, financed largely by Egypt-based Orascom, wasn't Canadian-owned and controlled.

Clement said Ottawa has not rejected the idea of opening the entire industry to foreign investment, but added the government is not ready to outline its plans. THE CANADIAN PRESS



But is it the real thing?

A Chicago radio program has revealed Coca-Cola's recipe, a guarded secret since the soda was created in 1886. Take caffeine, sugar, caramel, vanilla and "fluid extract of coca." Mix with an exotic combination called "Merchandise 7X," which includes cinnamon, nutmeg oil, neroli, orange oil and coriander. Add fizz and enjoy.

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News in brief

N.Y. market in merger deal

NEW YORK. In a deal announced yesterday, NYSE Euronext Inc., the parent company of the New York Stock Exchange, will combine with the operator of the Frankfurt exchange, Deutsche Boerse, to create the world's largest exchange owner. Deutsche Boerse shareholders will own 60 per cent of the new compa-DV. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Home sales spike

TORONTO. Canadian home sales picked up in Ianuary from the month before and should accelerate before tighter mortgage rules come into effect in March, the Canadian Real Estate Association says. About 42,379 homes were sold, up 4.5 per cent from the 40.558 sold in December. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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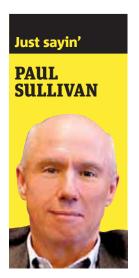
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CREATING A REFLECTION OF OURSELVES



Watson is some machine.

amed after the founder of IBM, Watson is a super computer worthy of the title. Built from 10 racks of IBM servers, it has 15 terabytes of RAM and the processing power of 2,800 of the most powerful computers on the market.

Watson is a humdinger, all right. But even with all that firepower, so far it has only managed to tie a human contest-ant on Jeopardy! As I write, there are two nights left to go, and Watson better get game or it's going to lose to some guy named Brad

Watson is a quantum leap ahead of the most famous IBM computer to date, Deep Blue,

which humbled world chess champ Garry Kasparov in 1997.

But as impressive as Watson is, it still has trouble with trivia. During a dry run before its appearance on

Jeopardy! it answered the ques-tion: "What do grasshoppers eat?" with "Kosher!" causing its programmers to choke on their pastrami sandwich and write another million lines of codes to correct the problem.

Is it just me, or is this a massive amount of effort to create nothing more than a giant nerd? A nerd that can answer most trivia questions in three to five seconds, but a nerd nonethe-

less. Consider the evidence. It plays chess. It competes on Jeopardy!, the exclusive domain of nerds.

If these IBM scientists had a

life, maybe they could create a machine that does something useful: Pick stocks that only increase in value; remember where I left my car keys; or find a decent restaurant in Nanaimo.

Instead, it's really good at identi-

fying the names of Beatles songs from their lyrics. Big deal. I already know how to do that.

According to some experts, Watson's ability to answer questions will revolutionize call centres. Great. Instead of getting

some bozo from South Carolina. we'll get some bozo from the cloud answering the question: "What's this \$350 charge on my cellphone bill?" with "Would you like to speak to my supervisor?" and then hang up.

Our desire to create a machine that's smarter than we are is kind of pathetic. After all, we're limited by that fundamental law of computing: Garbage in, garbage out. We can only create a reflection of ourselves. Which explains why Watson is so easily confused. It's one of us.

Meanwhile, Watson and Brad conclude their epic battle tonight.

May the best nerd win.



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Cartoon

'Climate chaos' warning



Worth mentioning

Global warming is a looming threat to stability and national security around the world, and militaries should spend some of their ever-expanding budg-ets on reducing carbon emissions to avoid "climate chaos," the UN's top climate official said yesterday.

Christiana Figueres, head of the UN climate secretariat, warned of the destabilizing effects created by growing water stress, declining crop yields and damage from extreme storms in some of the world's poorest countries, which could set off mass international migration and regional conflicts.

Figueres said the world's military budgets

Gone in a flash

"Is it just me,

or is this a

massive amount

of effort to

create nothing

more than a

giant nerd?"



grew by 50 per cent in the first nine years of this century. Rather than continue that growth in weaponry, she said, the generals should invest in preventative budgets to "avoid the climate chaos that would demand a defence response that makes even today's spending burden look light.

Scientists and defence

think-tanks have warned for years of the heightened military risks created by global warming. In 2007, the UN panel of climate scientists said hundreds of millions of Africans will face persistent drought and food insecurity over the next decades that could prompt many to abandon ancestral homes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Metro Minute with Hey Rosetta!

music continues tonight at Grand Parade for the Canada Winter Games with Hey Rosetta!.

The group's latest CD Seeds went on sale this week and tonight's concert is the start of its North American tour. The Novaks are the opening act.

Outdoor concerts take place throughout the twoweek games, with showtimes set for 7 p.m. The site is dubbed Celebration Square. Other acts lined up this week include Matt Mays tonight and Great Big Sea Saturday.

There will also be noontime shows over the next two weeks. Performing to-day are Maritime Dance Academy and Young Company of Halifax Dance.



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vorce. Aguilera filed for divorce just days after she and Jordan Bratman announced they had separated THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



pendent labels as artists win big in key categories

Fassbender magnetizes as Magneto

New Magneto hopeful X-Men fans will be happy with this installment



Michael Fassbender's fame has had a slow-build over the last few years - appearing in 300 and Inglorious Bastards in addition to a few artsy, well-respected movies. But his notoriety is

about to go through the roof with this coming summer's release of the X-men prequel, X-Men: First Class, in which he plays Erik Lensherr, i.e. the evil Magneto, as a young man.

Metro found Fassbender on the set of his next film, Jane Eyre.

How much will this X-Men go into your character Maqneto's past?

You will see a little bit of that, yeah, at the beginning, but I thought what was interesting was what happened to him after the - he gets that young

take off together and have up going crazy and burn-

Performing opposite James McAvoy who plays Professor X — who your character is close friends with before you become mortal enemies must've been an attractive **component to doing this film.** Definitely a big draw for

me. At signing up, I only knew that James was attached to be in the film so I thought, OK, he's an intelligent guy and he'll bring something to it.

Can you talk a little bit about the changes we see Magneto go through in the film? It's kind of like Martin

gypsy girl out of the concentration camp that he falls in love with. They a baby and the mob ends ing down the house and the child dies in the blaze. Magneto goes ape s- and everybody. She's freaked out and leaves him. So by the time we get to him in the movie, he's a bit of a loner, really.

Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X - Charles [Professor X] being Martin Luther and Erik [Magneto] being Malcolm X — these two ideals, two intelligent guys but with different methods of achieving what they want.

Erik doesn't trust humans and thinks they need to be wiped away and I can kind of see his point. It's like Homo Sapiens, Neanderthals, or what have you It's like it's the next stage of evolution. And humans have made a bit of balls of it. We have, haven't we?

How was working with the special effects?

Ah that's John Dykstra he's the guy who did the original Star Wars and s-.

There's something for the fanatics out there. He's an amazing guy. But how do I feel about acting with a tennis ball? That didn't bother me so much. It's like saying in theatre that it's supposed to be cold and you see a town off in the distance — it's kind of the same thing.

▶ Michael Fassbender suits up as young Magneto in the new X-M

How do you feel about the fact that after this movie comes out, you won't be able to walk down the street in

It's going to be an interesting thing. There are so many X-Men fans out there. Hopefully, they're going to be happy. They didn't seem to be happy with the last two installments so hopefully this will please them again.



While promoting Cary Fukunaga's interpretation of the Charlotte Bronte classic Jane Evre Fassbender plays the smoldering Mr. Rochester – we got the Irish-German actor to spill a few details about the highly anticipated X-Men

Be on the look out for our second piece with Fassbender about his role in Jane Eyre opposite Mia Wasikowska, which will be released on March



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40 is just fine

Aniston says the attention on her age is 'weird'

Jennifer Aniston isn't obsessed with her age, but she is bothered by other people's obsession with it. "All of a sudden you're labeled, you're a number," she tells Rachael Ray about being over 40. "It wasn't like 30-plus or 30-something. It's just that all of a sudden it's like, 'Wow for your age, not so bad.'" Aniston admits the focus on being over 40 hurts "a little bit" because "all of a sudden they're making it sound like life is coming very shortly to an end," she says. "It's weird."





Never again

While she's turned heads in Hollywood for her portrayal of a free-spirited ballerina in Black Swan, Mila Kunis says she'll probably never dance again after making the film. "I trained for four months, seven days a week, five hours a day. I had one day off on my birthday. I lost 20 pounds. I tore a ligament. I dislocated my shoulder," Kunis tells W magazine. "I have two scars on my back.

And it was worth every minute. But I will never dance again."

The former That 70s Show star admits she underestimated the footwear required for ballet. "I was like, "Well I wear heels; I can do this," she remembers. "I was wrong. Christian Louboutins are uncomfortable, but I screamed the first time I put on a pointe shoe."

Taylor tired of hospital

While Elizabeth Taylor is expected to stay in the hospital for several more days following heart issues, fans shouldn't count her out, according to Popeater.

"Cedars-Sinai Medical Center is the best hospital in the world, and knowing Elizabeth, she has no plans on leaving us any time soon," a friend of the actress says. "She's a fighter. She always has been, and I can assure you she can't wait to get home."



Sean Penn: Haiti needs co-operation

Sean Penn is suggesting that efforts to help Haiti recover from last year's devastating earthquake are being hampered by a lack of cooperation and communication between aid groups.

The two-time Oscar win-

The two-time Oscar winner co-founded the Jenkins-Penn Haiti Relief Organization in the wake of the Jan. 12, 2010, disaster and has personally taken part in projects on the Caribbean island. Penn told reporters in Vienna Tuesday that "there's far too much duplication, far too little communication" between organizations and that there are "competing cultures in the international relief world."

He said Haitians were still experiencing "enormous trauma" and that he's approached every day by people who, first and foremost, want jobs. © METRO

Bachman to publish vinyl tales

The tales Randy Bachman tells on CBC-Radio's Vinyl Tap are coming to a bookstore near you.

Bachman, known for his work in the bands Bachman-Turner Overdrive and the Guess Who, has signed a deal with Penguin to publish Vinyl Tap Stories this fall. Bachman says the book will contain some of his favourite personal stories. • METRO

Celebrity tweets



Elijah Wood [@wood elijah] The Super Mario Land end

theme takes me back



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[@evalongoria] Working
on set with
Vanessa

Williams!! (she's always drinking! haha just kidding)



Pink
[@Pink]
Jewel is gorgeous and it's unfair:)



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not been invited to the Royal Wedding...yet. Just wait until she sends them the original 13 Colonies as a gift. • METRO

Talking points

Keeping it friendly

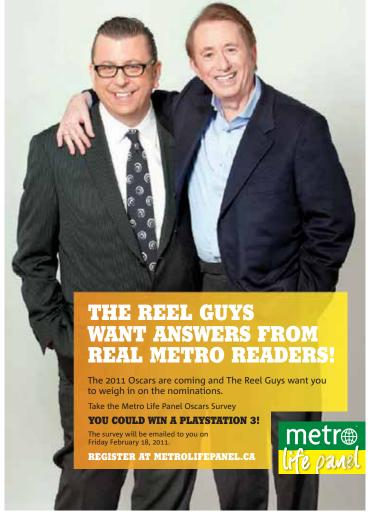
While she filed for divorce last week, Ashlee Simpson is trying to keep her split from Pete Wentz as amicable as possible, according to People magazine. The couple even enjoyed a friendly Valentine's Day lunch with their twoyear-old son, Bronx. "They just had a meal together with their son," a source says, dismissing suggestions that the couple is reconciling. "They're both focused on making this transition as easy as possible for him." METRO

Shia's mystery woman

While ex-girlfriend Carrie Mulligan has reportedly been romancing Jake Gyllenhaal, Shia LaBeouf has been spotted around L.A. with a new friend of his own, according to Us Weekly. The Transformers star strolled hand-in-hand with an unknown beauty over the week.

Her name is Karolyn
Pho," a source says of
the young woman,
who was also
spotted out
with LaBeouf
in December.
"She's a
stylist."

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Travel in brief



A new round-the world tour could be the ultimate adventure for rail buffs.

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• New Orleans looks to return to its former glory with a later than normal Mardi Gras season • Students are expected to descend on city and boost tourist numbers that have been down since Hurricane Katrina



Alexa Von Staden and her fiancée had just one thought when it came to spring break this year: Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

"We figured it was now or never," said Von Staden, who recently completed her master's at the University of Florida. "Because Mardi Gras is so late this year that it matches up with spring break. Who knows when that will happen again?"

Mardi Gras is March 8. The next time it will be this late is in 2038, when it falls on March 9.

New Orleans tourism officials, who have begun an advertising campaign to attract younger visitors, bethe happy convergence will give them a boost over Mardi Gras

2010. which was biggest since hurricane Katrina hit in 2005.

A study done for the New Orleans Convention and Visitors Bureau said the city was not getting its share of 18- to 34-year-old visitors, despite its reputation as a party town. New advertising campaigns are being geared to that demographic, said bureau spokeswoman Kelly Schulz.

"I was kind of surprised by it," Schulz said. "We are family friendly, but we also think people should see more of our night life."

The campaign, with the theme "New Orleans, you're different here," puts further emphasis on the city's food, music and night

At Mardi Gras, the party

"All I know is we'll be cleaning up a lot of beads and drink cups all Mardi Gras long." EARL BERNHARDT, OWNER OF FIVE FRENCH QUARTER BARS

takes to the streets, packing the parade routes in many areas, and turning Bourbon Street into a raucous, X-rated celebration for the young and free-spirited.

Certainly those in the hospitality business are expecting a nice bump, even above last Mardi Gras when the New Orleans Saints' Super Bowl victory was helping to draw people to the

city.
"This year we are about 30 to 35 per cent ahead of the pace compared to last year and we had a very good year last year," said Gil Zanchi, general manager for the New Orleans Marriott and the five other Marriott hotels in the city.

Students looking spring break adventures can't be credited for all the boost in room bookings, said Diana K. Schwam, who wrote the Frommer's New Orleans guide book.

"A lot of them stay with family or friends, or they crash 40 to a room, you remember those days," she said.

Mardi Gras has a lot of cachet for college students, but the later date will draw other celebrants as well, assuring visitors of good weather. And because it falls more than two months after Christmas, "people

have paid off some of those bills and have more money to spend," Schwam said.

'I think New Orleans will get some spring break-ers, certainly," said Bill said Bill Miller, a senior vice president of CheapOair. "But with the millions of kids who head out for that period, there won't be a substantial Cancun." swing from the Mexican beach resort that remains the No. 1 international destination for spring break.

College students who show up on Bourbon Street can look forward to roundthe-clock partying, according to Earl Bernhardt, owner of five French Quarter bars, including one that sports the biggest balcony on Bourbon Street.

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Hiking the Hollywood Hills

Deauty in Los Angeles isn't restricted to the stars Hollywood has plenty of natural wonders for visitors to see

You can see the stars all dressed up on the red carpet at the Oscars. But if you want to see them in their sweats, head to the Hollywood Hills - from Runyon Canyon to the west, to Bronson Canyon in Griffith Park, with its 85 kilometres of paths, to the

Jennifer Aniston, Sheryl Crow and other celebrities have been spotted on some of the trails, particularly in Runyon, but regular, nature-loving folks flock to the trails on a regular basis as well.

And while the rest of the country suffers through snow, sleet and freezing winter weather, Los Angeles offers bright sun year-round, so the that stretch and swerve away from the city's concrete, cars and grime can be explored during any season.

Runyon Canyon Park:

The Los Angeles Depart-ment of Recreation and Parks designated 36 of the 65 hectares off-leash for dogs, says Kevin Regan, the department's assistant general manager, and the area is now enormously popular among dog-lovers - including celebrities like Jessica Biel, who was photographed hiking its fivekilometre round-trip loop with her two pooches.

The top peak boasts vast views of Hollywood, including the Capitol



Records building to the east, below. "You can experience a getaway that's close to home," says Regan. "That's the allure of any great urban park, that you leave the hustle and bustle of the city to get centred again before you go back.'

Griffith Observatory:

It's a roughly four-kilometre round-trip trek to the Griffith Observatory, the 75-year-old domed L.A. landmark perched on the hillside of Griffith Park, and back from the base of the trail in the Fern Dell picnic area located off Fern Dell Drive, in the neighbourhood of Los Feliz, just east of Hollywood.

Hiking in Griffith means seeing more animals than any Angeleno is used to. This includes coyotes, rabbits, gophers, squirrels, deer and the occasional

French bulldog. "Don't feed them. The coyote is interested in observing you and will mostly not invade your space," says Albert Torres, a park ranger.

The observatory appears in Rebel Without a Cause. A bust of actor James Dean is located on the observatory grounds.

Bronson Canyon and the Hollywood Sign

On the southwestern flank of Griffith Park, Bronson Canyon is best known for famous "Batcave," where the Batman television series used to film in the '60s, and opens up into gorgeous hikes near the Hollywood sign.

To see the short hillside tunnel, drive north up Avenue, Franklin Avenue, until it curves into Canyon Drive and ends at a dirt trail and parking lot. Hike above the lot, take a quick right and go up about half a kilometre. Hiking straight from the lot leads to a snaking path to the Hollywood sign. The immediate area surrounding the sign is restricted and monitored by surveillance cameras and motion detectors. Any hiker needs to be aware of high temperatures, especially in L.A., so pack water.

A shorter five-kilometre round-trip hiking path to and from the Hollywood sign starts in the hills of nearby Beachwood Canyon. You'll end up above the sign, able to see the large, looming letters from behind, plus a sweep-ing view of L.A., from sparkling Lake Hollywood to the west to the Griffith Observatory to the east.

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Wintertime with snowshoes

Trails in New Brunswick offer a fun type of exercise and a chance to see nature's beauty Snowshoeing's popularity is on the rise

It was a brisk sunny day in early February when we set out for a trek through rural Brunswick, branches of the fir and maple trees around us heavy with snow from a storm the night before.

The trip would have been impossible on foot, if not for the snowshoes strapped to our boots.

The awkward feeling of walking with oval hoops of aluminum and rubber on my feet disappeared quickly. Soon I was keeping up with people who have been snowshoeing for years.

Until this trip, my only experience with snowshoe ing was a memory of an old pair of large, wooden snowshoes that hung in my parents' basement.

But there has been a steady increase in the popularity of snowshoeing in New Brunswick in the last few years, with provincial parks and private operators

If you go ...

- These websites offer directions as well as maps of the trail systems if you are planning a snowshoeing trip to New Brunswick.
- tourismnewbrunswick.ca elmhurstoutdoors.ca
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offering rentals and scenic, groomed trails.

"I'm hearing more and more that there are snowshoeing clubs popping up around the province," said Holder, New Trevor Brunswick's Tourism Minis-

ter.
"We've got a great trail system in this province and this is an example of one of the things that you can do on the trail system."

The Elmhurst Outdoors, a family-run facility east of Saint John near Hampton, N.B., offers a variety of activities, including cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

They offer a beautiful lodge and a well-stocked rental centre with all you'll need to snowshoe or ski.

"A trail pass is \$6 and that lets you snowshoe or ski, and rentals are \$6 as well," said Gig Keirstead, who owns the business along with his wife Denise Howlett

He said snowshoeing has caught up to cross-country skiing in popularity.

"I think it's because of the simplicity of it. You just get a pair of snowshoes and go out. The skills aren't that great so most people can do it. We see a lot of people here who wouldn't try the skiing but do the snowshoeing and seem to like it a lot."

Keirstead believes the jump in popularity is because of the development of modern snowshoes. longer are they the large wooden, tear-shaped snowshoe of the past that were

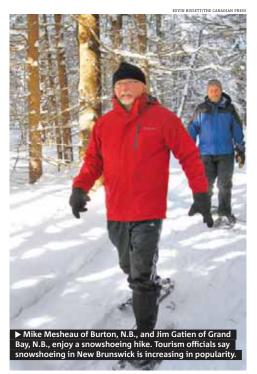
difficult to lace to your boot and awkward to use.

"The new ones are smaller, are aluminum, have synthetic webbing and the bindings go on in two seconds and don't come off ... I really like them," said Mike Mesheau of Burton, N.B.

The Trans-Canada Trail system and any of the municipal and provincial parks in New Brunswick are other options. At Sugarloaf Provincial Park in Campoptions. Sugarloaf bellton, on the north coast of the province, there's no charge to use the snowshoeing trails.

"We have three designated trails covering about 10 kilometres, one of which goes around a lake, so you get some pretty nice scenery," said Greg Dion, park manager. "It's a great sport and it's fun," he said. The scenery is unreal in the wintertime ... it's magical out there"

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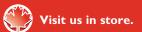
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Not sure what to do with sausage besides frying and serving it in a bun as a hot dog? Emily Richards shows you how to rethink cooking sausage with two very creative, and easy to make, recipes



▶ This soup takes 15 minutes to prepare and 40 to cook.

Kale soup with a twist

This soup has a rich broth **Preparation:** full of sausage, potatoes and greens that add fibre and a hearty taste that can be enjoyed after a long day in the cold

Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp (15 mL) extra virgin olive oil
- 1 lb (500 g) fresh chorizo, Italian, farmer's or chicken sausages
- 2 onions, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced1 each carrot and stalk cel-
- ery, chopped
- 4 Yukon Gold potatoes, (about 1 1/2 lbs/750 g) peeled and chopped
- 1 small bunch kale, tough Half bunch Swiss chard,
- trimmed • 10 cups (2.5 L) low sodium

- In soup pot, heat oil over medium high heat and brown sausages on all sides. Remove to cutting board and cut into slices and return to pot. Add onions, carrot, celery and garlic and cook, stirring for about 5 minutes or until softened. Add potatoes and stock. Bring to boil, cover and reduce heat and simmer for about 15 minutes or until potatoes are tender when pierced
- Meanwhile chon kale and Swiss chard to make about 12 cups (3 L) of lightly packed greens. Add to sausage mixture and simmer uncovered for about 15 minutes or until greens are tender.

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Where sausage & squash mingle in a tasty risotto

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With this risotto recipe, you can look for different types sausages

vary up the flavour. I used a mild Italian, but

spicy will give you more kick and honey garlic will sweeten it up.

Ingredients:

- 3 fresh mild Italian sausages, about 8 oz/250 g
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) olive oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced • 1½ cups (375 mL) Arborio
- 1 ½ cups (375 mL) diced
- squash or sweet potato
 ½ cup (125 mL) white wine
- 4 ½ cups (1.25 L) sodium
- reduced chicken broth • 1 cup (250 mL) freshly grated parmesan cheese • 2 tbsp (25 mL) chopped

Preparation:

fresh basil

Remove casings from sausages and discard. Crumble sausage meat into large shallow saucepan and cook sausage, stirring constantly over medium high heat for about 5 minutes or until browned and no longer pink. Remove to bowl.



Stir in 1 cup (250 mL) of the broth and cook, stirring until almost all of the liquid evaporates. Cook, stirring and adding more of the broth, about 1 cup (250

mL) at a time for about 20 minutes or until rice is tender but firm.

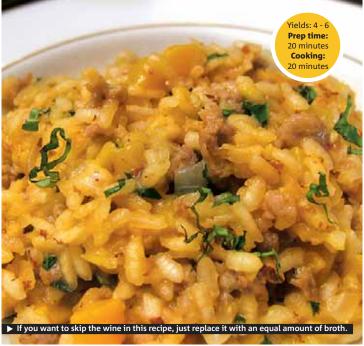
Return sausage to saucepan along with remaining broth and cook, stirring for 5 minutes or until sausage is heated. Stir in cheese and basil until melted and serve in shallow bowls.

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Cooking Tips

You do not have to stir the risotto constantly. occasionally will do. Add your favourite

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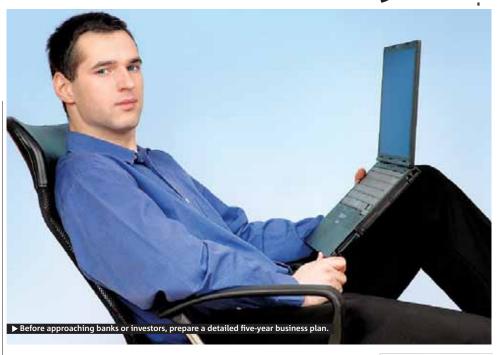
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business plan. It should clearly state your growth plans and financial projections, along with how much money you need and why

Decide who to approach

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vestors to deliver your pitch. Be confident. Know what you want from them and what you're offering. Follow up

After meeting, provide po tential investors with additional information, establish next steps and seek feedback to perfect your pitch, news canada





Help your kids learn to read

Several factors help children develop reading skills But it's important they read things they enjoy

The foundation of language and literacy skills is laid during early childhood, so early learning is important to lifelong development.

Researchers have identified some of the most important factors that help children learn to read.

While there are some definite skills children need to develop, it is also vital that children read things they enjoy, and enjoy what they read.

- Phonemic awareness: Helps the child to hear, identify and manipulate individual sounds (or phonemes) into words (for example, |g| = get and |u| = too).
- Fluency instruction: Reading accurately and quickly can be assisted by modeling fluency (reading aloud to children), providing books at the child's level, repeated oral reading, in-

creasing practice through audiotapes, tutors and peer guidance.

- Vocabulary: Ways to teach vocabulary include teaching specific words before reading, providing activities involving those words (mental images or acting out definitions), repeating vocabulary in different contexts and learning high-frequency words.
- Text comprehension: Strategies to help children understand what they are reading include reading comprehension questions, understanding the story structure (such as plot and setting), summarizing, reflecting on prior knowledge to make connections, and using graphic organizers (such as bubble charts) to organize thinking.
- Motivation: Children are motivated to read if they find the text interesting

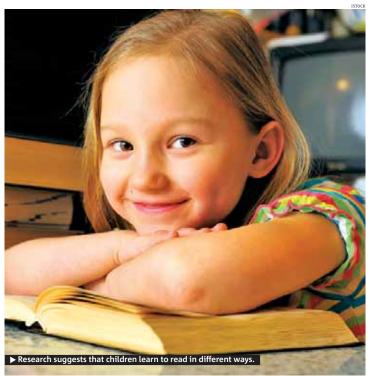
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and have background knowledge on the topic. Young children are often drawn to illustrations, graphics and display features. Praise and recognition are also motivating.

Research suggests that children learn to read in different ways. There is recent evidence that computer technology is an effective tool in teaching reading. An effective parent-teacher partnership can lead to better learning for children.

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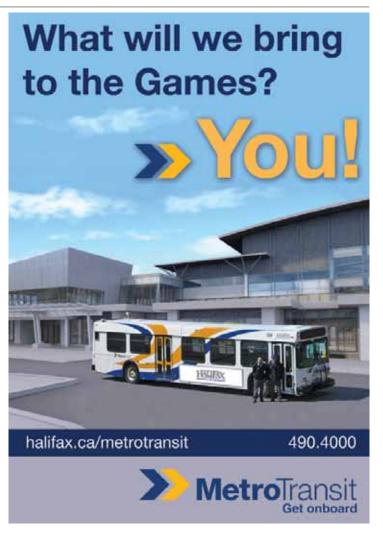
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"Every shot begins with good footwork. And confidence comes from practice. I break it down to different shots each day, between 300 and 500 makes. Other times, I change it up so just swishes count as makes." PICTOU'S BRYSON JOHNSON

TO PENNSYLVANIA'S PATRIOT-NEWS, ON HIS SUCCESS IN NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL AT BUCKNELL. THE SOPHOMORE GUARD IS ONE OF THE TOP THREE-POINT SHOOTERS IN THE COUNTRY, WITH 76 MAKES ON 160 ATTEMPTS (46.8 PER CENT) AND AN AVERAGE OF 11 POINTS PER GAME.



Joey Haywood could shatter a 30-year-old Atlantic University Sport record tonight at Dalplex.

The Saint Mary's Huskies guard needs 40 points against the Dalhousie Tigers to break the AUS men's basketball single-season scoring record. Ted Upshaw set the mark of 524 points with the Acadia Axemen in 1980-81.

Haywood, a guard in his fourth season of eligibility, has 485 points and is averaging a nation-leading 28.5 points per game.

While hitting the 40-point mark might sound unreasonable for one game, Haywood has done it on three occasions this season, including 41 against the same Tigers he faces tonight. He has two additional games remaining.

The Tigers, 11-5, have already clinched a bye to the AUS semifinals, while the Huskies, 6-11, still haven't clinched a quarter-final berth.

Game time is 8 p.m. The women's teams show down at 6 p.m. • MATTHEW WUEST

Historic scorers

Top single-season scoring totals in AUS basketball history.

- 1. Ted Upshaw
- 1981-82 (Acadia) **524**
- T2. Don Ehler 1981-82 (Acadia) 522
- T2. Curtis Robinson 1995-96 (P.E.I.) 522 T4. Curtis Robinson
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- T4. William Njoku 1992-93 (Saint Mary's) 505



Mercer's departure leaves scoring void

▶ High-scoring guard cites undisclosed family reasons for exit



The Halifax Rainmen have lost one of their top scorers and defensive players.

Six-foot-three guard Mike Mercer left the team yesterday because of undisclosed family reasons. Owner Andre Levingston said Mercer is moving to Atlanta to be with his wife and young child.

His departure leaves a gaping hole at the Rainmen's two spot, where Mercer averaged 14.5 points per game, second on the team and 15th in the Premier Basketball League.

"He was definitely a big piece of what we were doing and I would definitely say he was our best defensive player," Levingston "Hopefully he gets back on the court because he's a very talented guy. I don't think we've seen the last of Mike Mercer."

RAINMEN OWNER ANDRE LEVINGSTON, ON DEPARTED SCORING STAR MIKE MERCER.

said. "He's a very athletic kid and no question he was a big part of our success."

The Rainmen, who take their 6-3 record on the road on Saturday to face the Rochester RazorSharks at 2:05 p.m., are planning to audition several players this week to fill Mercer's roster spot. Small forward Desmond Ferguson is also healthy after missing five games with an injury.



Julian Allen, who was averaging 16.7 points per game with the Vermont Frost Heaves before they folded, has been used in a

reserve role since joining the Rainmen but could get a bump in floor time.

"Other guys will have to step up," Levingston said. "Coach is going to have a few different options and we'll look at it over the next few days and see what looks good."





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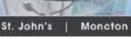
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Chris Bosh has always had a little bit of easy come, easy go in him, an ability to shake things off, a knack for putting bad things im-mediately behind him, a way of looking for the positive whenever possible

Nothing seemed to faze him much in seven years with the Raptors, and so his return to Toronto tonight doesn't have him

too worked up, either. "I'm not stressed," Bosh said yesterday of his impending return with the Miami Heat.

"At the end of the day, it's a game and when I get out there, that's going to take over. I don't stress about too many things. It is what it is and whatever will be, will be."

Clichés and old song lyrics aside, Bosh has taken an entirely low-key approach to his first game back in Toronto after bolting from the Raptors last July

In a wide-ranging interview at Conseco Fieldhouse after shootaround, Bosh left the impression that he would much prefer to be welcomed back cordially, but he knows that's not go-

ing to happen.
"Yeah, I'd like to be liked, but at the end of the day I'm on another team,' he said.

"I would like to (be warmly welcomed), yeah, that's like a fairy-tale ending or beginning or whatever, but that might not be the case.

Bosh is at peace with the decision he made, and while he says he still feels an affinity for Toronto, the franchise and friends he made, he has no regrets.

"There's no good way to separate sometimes or move on, but you just have to put the past behind you," he said.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Sens trade Chris Kelly

The rebuild in Ottawa continues.

The Senators dealt centre Chris Kelly to the Boston Bruins yesterday in exchange for a secondround pick in this year's

The Bruins get a twoway forward who can kill penalties and contribute offensively, while Ottawa continues to look to the fu-

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bosh stays calm ahead of return Kessel ends slump in style

• Former Bruin answers Boston crowd's boos with two goals, ending a 14-game scoring drought • Grabovski also has two, including winner



Mikhail Grabovski scored the tiebreaking goal with 1:01 remaining in regulation and the Toronto Maple Leafs rallied for a 4-3 win over the Boston Bruins last night.

Grabovski and former Bruin Phil Kessel both finished with two goals for Toronto, which fell behind 3-2 on Patrice Bergeron's 20th goal of the season with 10:52 to play.

Kessel's second goal of the game tied it with 6:33 Grabovski's gamewinner extended Boston's losing streak to three straight.

Joffrey Lupul had two assists, his first points with Toronto after last week's trade with Anaheim, and James Reimer finished with 32 saves.

Tim Thomas stopped 24 shots for the Bruins, who have allowed 20 goals in their last four games. Gregory Campbell and Daniel Paille also scored for the Bruins.

Boston continued to

Another trade

Maple Leafs GM Brian Burke continues to wheel and deal, acquiring forward Aaron Voros from Anaheim vesterday for a conditional seventh-round pick in 2011

struggle in its final home appearance before a sixgame road trip.

The Bruins have lost four of five. They were sloppy through the first two periods, then again in the final 10 minutes as Toronto came from behind and left the Bruins stunned.

Kessel, still unpopular in Boston for holding out until he was traded in 2009, was booed throughout the night.

He jumped turnover by Zdeno Chara at the blue-line, got around Andrew Ference for a mini-breakaway and faked out Thomas with a forehand shot to tie the game with 6:33 remaining.

The game appeared headed for overtime until Grabovski, who was dazed by Chara on a headfirst hit into the boards in the first period, took a pass Clarke MacArthur and beat Thomas.

Bergeron broke a 2-2 tie with an even-strength goal with 10:52 left. Adam McQuaid fired a shot from the point and Bergeron was in place for the re-bound despite getting smothered by defence-man Dion Phaneuf as he poked the puck into the net for his first goal in five games.

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Union pushing Pujols: La Russa

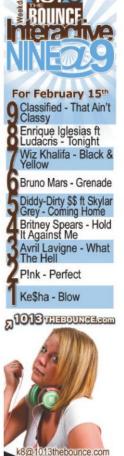
Cardinals manager Tony La Russa claims the players association is pressuring Albert Pujols and his representatives to set a contract record, an accusation the union denies.

Pujols is eligible to become a free agent after the World Series and has set a noon EST deadline today to reach an agreement on a new deal.

Alex Rodriguez's \$275million US, 10-year deal with the Yankees is baseball's current high.

"I know what he's going through with the union, and to some extent his representatives, because his representatives are getting beat up by the union," La Russa said. "Set the bar, set the bar. You've got to deal with it. It's not the way it should be.

Pujols has vowed to cut off negotiations once he arrives at spring training. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Nova Scotians hope to pick up steam with win

Province's first win sets up showdown with defending gold-medallist Ontario in tonight's quarter-final



Nathan MacKinnon's breakout game has sent Nova Scotia's men's hockey team to the quarter-finals at the Canada Winter Games.

The 15-year-old Cole Harbour native had five points on three goals and two assists as Nova Scotia slammed Newfoundland and Labrador 7-2 at the Dartmouth Sportsplex.

Nova Scotia faces Ontario in the quarter-finals



tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Metro Centre.

"It felt great to get the win after starting 0-3," said MacKinnon, who has a team-best six goals and two assists in four games. 'I think our momentum's going to carry over to the quarters against Ontario."

MacKinnon was held off the scoresheet in the opener against Ontario but has gotten progressively better

"It took a little while to get adjusted to the speed," he said. "These are the best players in the country, but I'm getting more and more comfortable every game."





Dwver's rink handed first loss

Nova Scotia's women's curling team hit a speed bump at the Canada Winter Games yesterday.

Cruising along with a perfect 3-0 record and facing winless Manitoba, Emi-ly Dwyer's Mayflower rink came up short in a 7-3 home-ice loss.

"Manitoba came out su-per strong," said Dwyer of Lower Sackville. "They had-n't won a game yet, so they obviously wanted to win. They played amazing and we had a few missed shots. This wasn't our strongest

With TSN on hand for the broadcast, it was the national-television debut for the foursome, which also features Dartmouth natives Amanda Colter and Laura Kennedy and Halifax's Katrina MacKinnon.

Playing under the bright lights served as a learning experience.

"The first few rocks were nerve-racking," Dwyer said. "But after we got a few shots under our belts, we were fine."

Nova Scotia faces unbeaten British Columbia,

4-0, today at 2:30 p.m. "We know they're good their record shows that," said Colter, the team's third. "We'll play up to their level and come out strong. It will be a good

MATTHEW WUEST

More Games

Yesterday's standouts



PAULINA MILLER Artistic gymnastics

The Halifax native placed fifth in vault in the women's all-around event to post a total score of 47.25 and a 22nd-place finish overall.



The gifted centre from Cole Harbour scored twice, but winless Nova Scotia (0-3) fell 5-4 to Quebec in overtime.



COLE MURPHY

Men's Hockey

The 16-year-old from Cole Harbour put in two goals to help Nova Scotia post a 7-2 win over Newfoundland and Labrador.



Wheelchair basketball

Wade, of Whites Lake, continued to pile up points, scoring 26 plus 14 rebounds in Nova Scotia's 59-49 win over P.E.I. yesterday.

Alberta's hockey dynasty

As the men's hockey tournament enters the quarter-final round at the Canada Winter Games Team Alberta is looking to add to an already impressive string of success. The hockey

powerhouse travelled to Halifax as the only province to have won medals in each of the past five winter competitions, dating back to

The team's compiled a

3-0 record in the roundrobin portion with wins over Saskatchewan, New Brunswick and Manitoba.

Head coach Trevor Keeper says the ongoing success is about more than picking the most skilled athletes.

"We really put an emphasis on character and kids that are competitive and know what it means to be part of a team," he said shortly after arriving in Halifax.

Alberta's team won gold medals in 1999 and 2003, silver medals in 1991 and 1995, and a bronze in 2007 in the hockey tournament. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Medal standings

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	PROVIN	ICES		
QUEBEC	9	12	6	27
ALBERTA	7	5	6	18
B.C.	3	4	7	14
ONTARIO	3	1	3	7
SASK.	1	1	0	2
N.B.	0	1	1	2

	G	S	В	Γot.
MAN.	0	0	2	2
YUKON	1	0	0	1
N.L.	0	0	1	1
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N.S. drops pair of ringette tilts

Second Canada Games for Nova Scotia ringette players Lauren Morse and Sara Burry Alberta only undefeated team going into today's quarter-finals



Nova Scotia's ringette team was undefeated until a showdown with the West yesterday.

The squad played Manitoba in the morning and lost 4-1, and was then dominated 8-2 by Alberta in the afternoon.

Nova Scotia started out

strong against Alberta when Herring Cove's Morgan McLellan scored the first goal within 30 seconds. But they quickly lost steam.

"Maybe we lost focus there for a bit but you have to give Alberta a lot of credit. There are some really fast, skilled players with some good shots," said coach Brent Dempsey.

McLellan said her goal

got the team pumped.

"I just remember a lot of Alberta people on me and I just kind of swung it and luckily it went in," she said.

Alberta answered with their first goal a few minutes later and Nova Scotia managed to even it up. It was only 3-2 at half-time.

But after that, the game of catch-up was over and Alberta dominated - even

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

"We lost 4-1 but I'm not concerned. because we are improving and the last time we played (Manitoba) it was 8-2. It shows the team is getting better and gearing up for the playoff round."

BRENT DEMPSEY, COACH OF NOVA SCOTIA'S RINGETTE TEAM

when playing shorthand-

Other teams got to rest yesterday but Nova Scotia had to play twice. And some players were suffering nagging, but not seriinjuries, Dempsey

"But no excuses," he added.

And all is not lost. Nova Scotia's previous wins against New Brunswick and P.E.I. lands the team in the quarter-finals today, likely against Quebec.

Plus the surging crowds at Cole Harbour Place are somewhat of a victory, Dempsey said.

"I'm blown away by the support we're getting here from the ringette community in Halifax and Dartmouth. It's really helping us out and will showcase the sport of ringette," he said.

"It's well deserved. These kids deserve these crowds.

Events to watch

Today's highlights



ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS

Canada Games Centre

The men's team looks to build on Monday's fourth-place team finish when the all-around competition gets underway at 6:10 p.m.



CURLING (WOMEN'S)

Mayflower Curling Club
Nova Scotia's Emily Dwyer, 3-1, goes up against unbeaten British Columbia, 4-0, at 2:30 p.m. as the preliminary round ends.



HOCKEY (MEN'S)

Metro Centre

Nova Scotia faces defending gold-medallist Ontario in the quarter-finals at 7:30 p.m.



SKIING (FREESTYLE)

At Ski Wentorth

The men's and women's aerials start at



RINGETTE

Cole Harbour Place

Nova Scotia faces Quebec in the quarterfinals at 2 p.m.



SPEEDSKATING (LONG-TRACK)

Canada Games Oval

The women's 100-metre finals start at 11 a.m., while the men go at 11:45 a.m. Team pursuit finals are at 1 and 2 p.m.



SPEEDSKATING (SHORT-TRACK)

St. Margarets Centre

The 1,000-metre men's and women's finals start at 4 p.m.



TARGET SHOOTING

At Sackville High School

The individual air rifle events get underway at 9 a.m. for the women and 10:45 a.m. for

ADDITIONAL EVENTS

- Biathalon at Ski Martock starting at 10 a.m.
- Wheelchair basketball at Citadel High School at 11 a.m. Squash at Saint Mary's University starting at 9 a.m.







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WHEELBASE MEDIA



Visually, the G25's appearance is virtually identical to that of the G37, and that's a good thing. But where they part company, of course, is the powertrain. The G37 has a 328-horsepower 3.7-litre V6, while the G25 makes do with a 218-horsepower 2.5-litre V6.

Given the fact that the G25 has 30 per

Given the fact that the G25 has 30 per cent less power than the G37 and is only slightly lighter, a more modest rate of acceleration is definitely in the cards.

Entry-premium

The G-series, with its rear- and allwheel-drive architecture, was originally created to challenge the likes of BMW's 3 series, the Audi A4 and the Mercedes-Benz C-class sedans.

Since its 2003-model-year launch, the highly regarded "G" has helped establish Infiniti as a serious rival in the entry-premium category.

Speaking performance

The subtly flared fenders that contain the G25's standard 17-inch alloy wheels offer some clue that this sedan speaks the language of performance.

One advantage of not downsizing to create an entry model is that you get a roomy, comfortable car to drive with plenty of luxury-grade amenities.

In case you are concerned that the G25 is a seriously decontented ride, it arrives with standard leather-covered seats, climate control, aluminum trim, remote keyless start and a six-speaker audio system with satellite radio capability.



Portal to privilege-class driving



Just about every luxury automaker is downsizing to stay relevant in a time when bottom line and fuel prices are high on shoppers' lists.

That means new small cars packed with features and smaller engines to keep governments and so-cially conscious buyers happy.

Infiniti is doing something radically different ... by keeping things the same ... sort of.

By adding a new G25 with a smaller engine and smaller loan payment than the G37, Infiniti doesn't really need to go back to the drawing board for a new small design.

Some might argue that dropping the price by about \$4,000 and cutting out 110 horsepower reduces some of the car's cachet.

After all, with a \$38,300 base price, which includes destination charges, the G25 is about \$3,000 less than the top-of-the-line V6-powered Maxima sedan that's sold by Infiniti's Nissan parent.

However, the Japanbased automaker is clearly more interested in spreading the G-series gospel to a wider audience of potential customers than worrying about any possible erosion or crossover in Maxima sales.

Infiniti is obviously banking on a brace of buyers seeking the look and feel of a luxury sedan, but who are willing to sacrifice a degree of performance to save big bucks when signing on the dotted line. If that seems like a fair tradeoff, then the G25 might just be your portal to privilegeclass driving.

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A seven-speed automatic transmission will keep the G25's 2.5-litre V6 in its ideal rev range, which improves acceleration and fuel economy. The difference between the G25 and G37 is about \$350 per year, if comparing fuel ratings.



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It was available with two or four-wheel drive and four or six-cylinder power to fit a variety of needs and budgets. Affordable pricing was, arguably, key to this machine's success.

Four-wheel drive models came almost exclusively with the automatic transmission — though a rare four-cylinder, four-wheel drive model with manual transmission was available in 2006

The six-cylinder engine



The 4-1-1

- Model: 2005 to 2009 Hyundai Tucson
- Vehicle Type: Crossover
- Approximate used price range: \$9,000 to \$19,000

generated 173 horsepower and came only with the automatic gearbox. The fourcylinder made do with 140

horsepower. Look for features like seating,

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¥ Taurus April 21-May 21 Try not to appear eager today. Give others the impression that you don't care whether you succeed. With luck, it will leave them confused — and leave you with an opening.

II Gemini May 22-June 21

There is no point focusing on the past. What's done is done and cannot be undone, so the best thing to do is to set your sights on a particular goal and go after it with all your might.

Gancer June 22-July 22

bothering you deeply and others are beginning to pick up your anxiety. There is no need to worry: What you fear the most is not going to happen.

Ω Leo July 23-Aug.23 If you try too hard to live up to other people's image of who you should be then, inevitably, you will end up exhausting yourself. Be who you are to the best of your abilities.

TV Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 If someone in a position of power asks you to do something you think is immoral or otherwise wrong, you must say no. Your career is important, but nowhere nearly as

important as your self-respect.

← Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Watch your back and resist the Libran temptation to give others the benefit of the doubt when they clearly don't deserve it. Someone, it seems, is plotting against you. Stay on your toes.

M Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Something you've been working on for several months is beginning to cost you more than you can afford, so you may need to bring other people into the equation.

Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Your mind is in a bit of a whirl at the moment as you try to make sense of conflicting advice that is coming at you from a dozen different directions. The answer is: Follow vour own instincts.

り Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Do you hold out for a better offer or do you take what is on the table and be grateful for it? Only you can decide, but don't sell your talents short out of fear that you may end up with nothing at all.

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Most of your problems are illusory and if you focus only on positive things, the bad will soon fade. Compared to most people, you've got it good. It's going to get even better.

⊢ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

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